



# THE MARK

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## ABYC ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

- April 05: Board Meeting  
Membership Meeting
- April 11: Movie Night
- April 12: PHRF #4 of 6
- April 25: Evening Dinghy Races
- April 26-27: Smith Regatta

**Come and Enjoy the Fun!!**

## Commodore's Comments

*Scott Robinson*

It was great to see all of you who attended the Spring Opening and dinghy races in early March. In colder climates, sailors have to work harder to get on the water following the winter. We are fortunate that we spruce up, clean the bottom and give our boats a good scrubbing and they are ready to sail. The Renovitchs' did a great job on the brunch and recruited Mickey Cooksey for wonderful flowers and decorations. Michael Getman and Michael Ganey did a fine job raising the flag and the burgee and John Hamilton shot the cannon. Officially, the Club is open. Let the sailing continue.

ABYC continues to grow. As always, if you see someone you

don't know at the clubhouse, please introduce yourself.

Be sure to join us for the PHRF racing. We still have four races in the six-race series. The skippers' meeting starts at 10:30 am at the clubhouse. You can skipper, crew or join us as a spectator.

Please participate in the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta on April 25-27. This fundraiser for the American Cancer Society is sponsored by ABYC. We will have dinghy races on Friday night for the Club. The Regatta will feature races, a dinner for participants, a poker run and an auction. Donations for the auction are appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at Movie Night and the CIA. Bring a boating friend and introduce them to the Club.

See you on the water.

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## Vice Commodore's Corner

*Steve LaRosa*

April will be a great weather month and a perfect time to be on the water. Here is a review of April's on the water activities. PHRF Race #4 of 6. Saturday April 12. Skippers' Meeting at the clubhouse at 10:30 AM and race details will be distributed at the meeting. Please come race with your ABYC friends.

Smith Regatta is April 26 - 27 with ABYC activities on the 25th. This is a benefit for the American Cancer Society in memory of Stephen Smith. I never met Stephen, but he must have been a wonderful gentleman, and this fund raiser honors his memory. Details are on the website as a link to follow. Several Club members are involved with the planning of this weekend. If you would like to volunteer to help work, please contact a Club officer.

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## Smith Regatta

Registration and information can be found at:

[www.smithregatta.com](http://www.smithregatta.com)

## MEETING NOTICE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday, April 05, 2014
- 1800 - Social
- 1900 - Dinner
- 1945 - Meeting
- 2000 - Program

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## ABYC Social Report and Plans

*Martha Robinson*

The whooping crane migration will be the topic of the membership meeting on April 5. Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper. Cocktails begin at 1800; dinner is served buffet-style at 1900; the membership meeting begins at 1945 followed by the program at 2000.

Please let me know if you would like to suggest a movie for Friday, April 11. We are adjusting the times for an earlier start. The bar will open at 6:30 and the movie will start at 7 p.m. We will send an email a couple of days beforehand to let you know the title. We will bring the popcorn.

Please plan to join us for the Stephen C. Smith Memorial Regatta on the weekend of April 25-27. ABYC is a sponsor of this event. The Club will start the activities on Friday night with a dinghy race in the basin at 6 p.m. Saturday will be filled with races in several classes, including the bigger boats. There is a dinner at the clubhouse that night for registered participants. There is an auction on Sunday afternoon. Please participate in this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Donations, auction items and racing are appreciated. You can register online at [www.smithregatta.com](http://www.smithregatta.com).

For a recap of March, WOW! More than 60 people attended the membership meeting to hear about the Rosses' adventures. That is a great turn out. Many members have volunteered to host parties and Club activities for the month. Thanks to all of them. Pat and Gordon Renovitch hosted the Spring Opening. Mickey Cooksey's decorating talents made the clubhouse look fabulous. Beth Hamilton ran the dinghy races for

13 sailors. Your Commodore hosted the movie night with a showing of Captain Phillips. Michael Getman coordinated the Rum Run Regatta with races, food, fun and spirits. The CIA hosted by Susan & John Meerman was very nice.

As a member-run Club, we are dependent upon members volunteering to organize an event or help someone else. Please contact me at [mjrob101@yahoo.com](mailto:mjrob101@yahoo.com) or 850/544-6619 if you would like to host a social, movie night or CIA. Ideas for new events are welcome. You can also sign up to host a CIA at <http://idm05d.wufoo.com/forms/cia-event-signup/>.

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## Sr. Board Member Report - Program Report & Plans

*Camden Whitlock*

For the March membership meeting, we had a full house to hear about the adventures of Kingsley and Sue Ross and their travels through Northern Europe.

The April meeting will feature a presentation from Operation Migration on the adventures of the ultralight-led crane migration technique.

Tentatively scheduled in May, Huub Weijers is going to talk about sailing in the Netherlands.

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## Editor's Notes



*C. Henry Depew*

While the Scribe, Purser, and your Editor try to keep all e-mail addresses current and correct, we get notes from time to time that a message/newsletter was not received. In your Editor's case, I check the e-mail address of the message received with what is in my file. In most cases, the sender has changed the e-mail address and forgot to notify me. If you are reading this message, I have your correct e-mail address. If someone else in the Club says they are not receiving any e-mail, they have probably changed their e-mail address and we did not "get the word". If you know someone with such a problem, have them e-mail me (address on back page) and I will take care of the problem.

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## Purser's Report

*Maxine Glenn*

If you have any questions or comments concerning your monthly bill, please contact me by email:

[mbg1215@netzero.net](mailto:mbg1215@netzero.net)

Also, anyone who would prefer to have their invoice sent via email please let me know.

There is a copy of the monthly financial statement in a notebook on the shelving in the clubhouse that members are encouraged to review.

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**ABYC BOARD MEETING****Draft Minutes**

*Please be aware that the minutes upon which this draft is based have not been approved by the Board. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, but errors may inadvertently be present.*

Commodore Scott Robinson called the Board Meeting of the Apalachee Bay Yacht Club to order at 1600 on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the ABYC clubhouse.

**Present:** Scott Robinson, Martha Robinson, Maxie Glenn, Dede Wells, Ed Fries, Cam Whitlock

**Absent:** Steve LaRosa, Ivor Groves

**Rear Commodore-Ed Fries**

Ed has installed separate dimmer and on/off switches in the clubhouse. A workday will be scheduled for mid-March. A new American flag has been purchased and stored in the ice room. Ed will work on a new lock combination to be set later in the spring. The membership will be notified of the new combination and the effective date prior to the change.

**Purser-Maxie Glenn**

Maxie provided the monthly financial update, along with a five-year summary (2009-2013) of income and expenditures. The income and expenses have remained relatively consistent for the last five years. A quote for routine maintenance of the ABYC vessels was reviewed and approved by the board. Maxie has completed an inventory of the bar stock, and has adjusted prices for bottles of wine based on the current costs. The financial reports were approved by the Board.

**Scribe-Dede Wells**

The Board approved a motion to approve the February minutes as reported in *The MARK*.

**Junior Board Member-Martha Robinson**

Martha reviewed social events scheduled for March and April. She is continuing the search for permanent kitchen support during social events.

**Senior Board Member-Cam Whitlock**

Cam has scheduled a presentation from Operation Migration representatives for the April membership meeting and is interested in receiving suggestions from the membership for future programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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**Membership Meeting**

The March 1, 2014 membership meeting was called to order by Commodore Scott Robinson at 2000 hours. Short reports were presented by Board members, reviewing spring activities, including the Spring Opening, Rum Runners Regatta, and Smith Regatta.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015, and followed by a program presented by Kingsley and Sue Ross.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dede Wells, Scribe

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**NON BYOB**

Just a reminder that ABYC is not a BYOB club. Members should refrain from bringing libations to the Club, when the bar is open.

**GYA Reciprocal Agreement**

All ABYC members are welcome at the docks and/or landside facilities of Gulf Yachting Association clubs. More information can be found at [www.gya.org](http://www.gya.org). We can pay cash for food and services at all of them and some have already extended reciprocal charging privileges.

You will need your membership card and account number to have your expenses billed through ABYC. Or, simply pay the bill when there.

**GYA YACHT CLUBS**

Bay-Waveland	Mobile
Biloxi	Navy
Birmingham	New Orleans
Buccaneer	Ocean Springs
Cypremort	Pass Christian
Fairhope	Pelican
Fort Walton	Pensacola
Grande Maudelle	Pensacola Beach Point
Grand Lagoon	Pontchartrain
Gulfport	St. Andrews Bay
Houston	St. Petersburg
Jackson	Singing River
Lake Arthur	Southern
Lake Charles	South Shore
Lake Forest	Tammany
Long Beach	

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**Rear Commodore's Corner**

*Ed Fries*

If you see something that needs to be done or needs doing at the clubhouse or floats, let me know - 591-4620

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**Rum Run Regatta Report***Michael Getman*

The 2nd Annual ABYC Rum Run Regatta was a smashing success! The event kicked off with a pre-party Friday night, where registrants received their packages and enjoyed beverages, light appetizers, music, and even night owl karaoke. The skippers' meeting was held Saturday morning, followed by three intense races for PHRF Non-spinnaker, multihulls, and a power/cruiser nautical challenge. The results were as follows:

PHRF Non-spinnaker

1. Don Reeder, *Wiki Wiki*
2. Carl Bjerregaard, *Harmony*
3. Cam Whitlock, *Stacatto*

Multihull Fleet

1. Pat and Frank Hankins,  
*Zephyros*

2. Rob and Sherrie Kasper,  
*Invincible Me*

Power/Cruiser Fleet

1. Rob Henderson, *Kestrel*
  2. Todd Thompson, *Bustin Caps*
- After the races, everyone gathered back at the club to recognize awards and feast on a BBQ dinner.

This event would not have come together without the significant contributions of the following people on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Mike and Angel Gainey, Ralph Billings and Mickey Cooksey, Mary Thielen (friend of the hosts), Ann Getman, Steve LaRosa, Kris Hebert, Brian and Christine Walsh, and any other members who helped move tables, chairs, take out garbage, hang decorations, etc.! Your willingness to help is so appreciated. We are also grateful for the following sponsors who donated swag for the event: Ken's Tavern and Stow Away Marine.

This event requires a lot of preparation, volunteer participation, and most of all enthusiastic

attendees and we can't thank everyone enough for making this event successful. Until next year...!

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**Puffin/Dinghy Race Report***Beth Hamilton*

There were two fleets of racers on March 8, 2014 that participated on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. There were 8 Puffins and 4 Holders filling the basin, with many spectators along the seawall. After three races for each class, the final results, by class, were:

## Puffins:

1. John Meerman
2. Scott Robinson
3. Jim McGill
4. John Hamilton
5. Al Fletcher
6. Steve Van Sciver
7. Kris Hebert
8. Tina (Kris's mom)

## Holders:

1. Jim (?)
2. Michael Getman
3. Bradley (Kris's son)

One additional Holder, skippered by Michael Ganey, was out on the water for practice and will hopefully race another day.

Thanks to Jim McGill for providing the committee boat and to Martha Robinson and Maxi e Glenn for helping me with the race committee.

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**PHRF REPORT***Don Reeder*

Seven boats started the race on March 1st in light winds. Five boats finished. The results were:

<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	1
<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	2
<i>Stacatto</i>	Whitlock	3
<i>Allegro</i>	Hebert	4
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	5

Six boats started the race on March 15 in fair winds. Five boats finished. The results were:

<i>Adios</i>	Hamilton	1
<i>Wiki Wiki</i>	Reeder/Carrigan	2
<i>Harmony</i>	Bjerregaard	3
<i>Stacatto</i>	Whitlock	4
<i>Watergeus</i>	Weijers	5

After the race on March 29 (to be reported on in the May issue), the next race is April 12th

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**HINTS & NOTES FROM NEAR & FAR***C. Henry Depew*

One problem with cell phones on the water is access to a cell tower for connection to the rest of the world. According to the advertisement, a solution is available from Iridium Communications. It is a portable satellite hotspot that

creates a satellite-backed Wi-Fi zone. If interested, take a look at: [iridium.com](http://iridium.com)

You will really want the connection as the Iridium GO! is priced around \$800.00.

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# ABYC UPCOMING EVENTS - 2014

## April

- April 05: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 4:00 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- April 11: Movie Night
- April 12: PHRF #4 of 6 - Clubhouse - 10:30 am -
- April 25: Evening Dinghy Races
- April 26-27: Smith Regatta

## May

- May 03: Board Meeting - Clubhouse - 3:30 pm -  
Membership Meeting - Clubhouse - 6:00 pm - social  
7:00 pm - potluck dinner
- May 03-04: Intro. To Sailing Class
- May 10: PHRF #5 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
- May 17: PHRF #6 of 6 - Skippers' Meeting - Clubhouse 10:30 am
- May 24: Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Dog Island
- May 26: Pool Party
- May 31: Dinghy Races – 1:00 pm  
Changes in Attitude Social, 6 to 7:30 pm  
No reservations required



**ABYC PHONE NUMBER  
850/926-7775**

**NOTE: The above calendar is valid as of the date of printing. For updates/changes consult the Expanded Calendar at ABYC's web site (ABYConline.org).**

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